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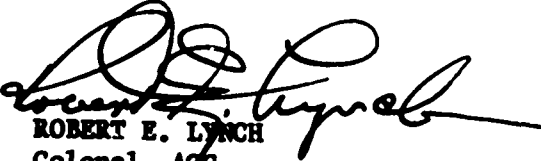
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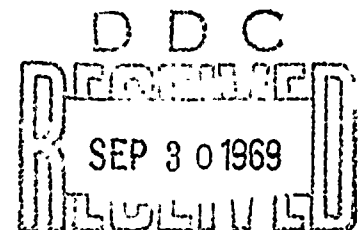
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SUBJECT: Operational Report of 79th Engineer Group (Construction)
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Section I. Significant Organization Activities

1. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 79th Engineer Group

GENERAL:

a. The 79th Engineer Group (Construction) command post remained at the "Plantation Compound", Long Binh, RVN, throughout the reporting period.

b. Enemy activity in the Group area of operations continued at a brisk pace. Most attacks were by fire; however, several ground probes were experienced. Casualties for the Group during this reporting period were 14 KIA and 169 MIA. Enemy activity in the Hq & Hq Company compound was limited to two rocket attacks of 6-9 rockets, resulting in 11 MIA.

2. COMMAND AND CONTROL:

a. Command: Several major changes in the command structure occurred during the reporting period. LTC Elbert D. Berry assumed command of the 554th Engineer Battalion upon the relief of LTC Charles J. McNeill on 3 April 1969. LTC John A. Poteat, took command of the 588th Engineer Battalion upon the reassignment of LTC John C. Levensger to the position of Chief of Staff, Engineer Troops, Vietnam, on 8 April 1969. In the 31st Engineer Battalion, Major Alexis T. Lum replaced Major Kaye Straight as Executive Officer on 31 March 1969. Major Straight returned to CONUS for reassignment. On 26 April 1969, LTC George N. Andrews, assumed command of the 31st Engineer Battalion from LTC Gerald Kelley upon LTC Kelley's assignment to Engineer Office, II Field Force. Other changes included the assignment of Major William Toskev as Group S-3 replacing Major Wilbourne A. Kelley. Major Victor Agostini was recruited from MACV for the position of Group S-4, replacing Major Henry Pfeil. Captain Hugh A. Herbig replaced Captain Carmen P. Bonciversi as Group S-1. LT Harry Groh was reassigned in the Group to the position of FIO.

3. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE:

a. Personnel: The rotational hump expected during April was contained within manageable limits. The mission of this command was not affected by the rotational hump. Total replacements received for the month of April were 13 officers and 597 EM. The program that was initiated to improve administrative procedures and efficiency of operations for the AGI was successful as indicated by the excellent ratings on the AGI.

b. Morale: Morale was sustained at a high level as indicated by the high rates of production and excellent esprit de corps. The Group had 123 extensions of six months or long, and 22 reenlistments.

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c. During this period a total of 530 decorations were awarded, including 10 Bronze Stars for valor, 8 Army Commendation Medals for valor, 7 Soldier's Medals, and 91 Purple Hearts.

d. Disciplinary punishment was required infrequently.

e. Incidents of Venereal Disease continued to fall. Reduction of the VD rate receives strong command emphasis.

f. There were a total of 34 Congressional Inquiries for the reporting period. Command emphasis is continually placed on the reduction of congressionals. The letter being sent by the commander to the relatives of each new arrival is proving to be an effective tool in reducing the number of congressionals. Most letters inquire about simple circumstances such as requesting the soldier to write home or an individual's health.

4. INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. The 79th Engineer Group Headquarters continues to receive and distribute intelligence documents and information from 20th Engineer Brigade, II Field Force Vietnam and higher headquarters. Spot reports of enemy contacts are forwarded to 20th Engineer Brigade Headquarters.

b. This headquarters continued its policy of giving initial security briefings to all newly arrived personnel who are being assigned to HHC, 79th Engineer Group, 46th Engineer Company (Topo) and 500th Engineer Company (TR). It also continued its daily staff update intelligence briefing.

c. The Group continues to handle personnel security actions to include validation of clearances up to and including TOP SECRET. Personnel security actions for separate companies or detachments are administered by the higher headquarters to which they are attached.

5. PLANS, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING

a. General: The Groups increased emphasis on Quality Control and Construction Management Programs is beginning to pay excellent dividends. Construction quality is up, better scheduling procedures have allowed a more positive program of construction management, significantly improving work load projections.

b. Operations: The 79th Engineer Group continued to direct its primary effort to fulfill increased combat and operational support requirements. A large reduction in base construction effort came about late in the reporting period with the cancellation of the Cu Chi and Tay Ninh base construction directives. There has been a steady increase of effort in LOC construction in order to complete the

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reconstruction of QL-1/22 on schedule. There was a reduction of effort available for Revolutionary Development Support.

c. Land Clearing:

(1) The 60th Land Clearing Company, 62nd Engineer Battalion, completed Phase I of Dong Tam III, clearing the road from Phuoc Vinh to Dong Xoi. Upon completion of the 15 day maintenance stand down it was committed to clearing an area west of Lai Khe. There the unit encountered almost daily contact with the enemy resulting in 23 of the 30 Rome Plows suffering combat damages in the initial 45 day cut. After completing its second 15 day stand down of this reporting period, the 60th Land Clearing Company returned to the same area. As of this reporting period there has been little or no enemy activity and the production has average approximately 300 acres per day.

(2) The 501st Land Clearing Company, began clearing in the Long Binh-Bien Hoa area. After completion of its stand down, the unit was moved to support the 25th Infantry Division South of Tay Ninh and in the vicinity of Dau Tieng. At present, the 501st is in its second stand down for this reporting period.

(3) The 984th Land Clearing Company, completed its training in the Long Binh-Bien Hoa area and also completed its first maintenance stand down. After its initial training phase it moved to its first "official" cut northeast of Lai Khe. There the 984th demonstrated a professional ability rivalling the 60th and 501st Land Clearing Companies in all aspects of land clearing. At present, the 984th is engaged in phase II of Dong Tam III cutting from Dong Xoi to Bunard.

d. Airmobile Operations: Airfield maintenance at forward airfields continued to be the primary function for the airmobile company. At the present time, the airmobile company is constructing a Type II, C-7A airfield at Duc Hue. This area is inaccessible by road. The airmobile company continues to be handicapped by the non-availability of equipment replacements due to combat losses and a general lack of equipment repair parts.

e. Quarry Operations: The Nui Ba Don Quarry continues to supply rock and asphalt for the construction of QL-22 from Tay Ninh south. The 410 ton per hour crusher is not operational as of this reporting period. This lack of crushing capability coupled with the shortage of sand for asphalt production makes the completion of QL-22 on schedule very difficult.

f. Training: The 79th Engineer Group continued its weekly training of Army and USARV mandatory subjects. There was an increased emphasis on operator and maintenance training for the new incountry LOC equipment. The new MCA LOC equipment has been a real assist in the LOC construction program.

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6. LOGISTICS:

a. Supply:

(1) The replacement of PMA Principle Items of equipment has improved with the deletion of the 506th US Army Depot from the document processing sequence. Units request all command controlled equipment directly. The new procedure eliminates the Stock Control Section of the Depot, where in the past many requests were "lost".

(2) The accountability of tactical bridging became a problem when the procedures previously utilized were closely examined. The 500th Engineer Company was not maintaining property book accountability on emplaced tactical bridging. This was resolved by the 500th Engineer Company, assuming accountability for the bridging and immediately laterally transferring the bridge to the installing unit.

b. Food Service:

(1) The food service section is in full operation; monthly Best Mess inspections are being conducted by the Food Service Advisor and the Food Service Supervisor in each of the 23 mess halls of the 79th Engineer Group. A best mess is selected monthly to compete in the Brigade Best Mess program. Quarterly reviews of mess accounts are completed and overall reports are favorable.

(2) Problems have been experienced in obtaining the food handler's certificates for personnel and civilians employed in the various unit messes. At present, this problem is being contained and resolved.

(3) Condiments issued to mess halls in the Tay Ninh area are below requirements. The food advisor will visit the Ration Issue Point in the Tay Ninh area to discuss the shortages.

c. Maintenance:

(1) Deadline

(a) Deadline statistics are as follows, average for 3 month period:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Engineer	7.5	
Ordnance	6.9	
Overall (Engineer plus Ordnance)	6.1	5.0
Critical (Selected Engineer and Ordnance)	11.2	10.0

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(b) The division of deadline between items requiring organizational maintenance and those requiring direct support maintenance averaged 62.3% organizational, 37.7% direct support.

d. LOC Program: Several items of LOC equipment were received during the reporting period and are in operation throughout the Group. Initially, problems were experienced in the maintenance and repair of this equipment; however, close coordination with representatives of Quinton Engineers has removed several items from deadline. The present deadline rate on LOC equipment is 11 per cent.

7. FORCE DEVELOPMENT: The transfer of the 544th Engineer Company (Construction Support) from the 554th Engineer Battalion (Construction) to the 588th Engineer Battalion (Combat) was the only significant organizational structure change occurring during this reporting period.

8. INSPECTOR GENERAL: The 79th Engineer Group received its AGI this quarter and obtained scores of excellent in virtually every rating area. The Group Executive Officer continues to serve as Acting Inspector General and has received no complaints this reporting period.

B. 66th Engineer Company (Topographic)

1. GENERAL: The 66th Engineer Company remained located on the Plantation compound, Long Binh, RVN.

2. COMMAND: CPT Billie A. Harkins, remained in command of the 66th Engineer Company. The company remained under command of the 79th Engineer Group and under operational control of the M&I Division, USARV Engineer Division.

3. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE:

a. Personnel: Personnel fill is generally near 100%; however, there has been a continued shortage of NCO's in the survey platoon. Of the most recent replacements of MOS 82D (Topographic Surveyor), only two were trained surveyors.

b. Morale: Morale of the unit remained at a high level throughout the report period as is evidenced by the continued high production output.

c. Discipline: Discipline has not been a significant problem indicating a high degree of motivation and excellent supervision. The unit has a total of 14 article 15's recorded for the report period.

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4. INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: The units function in the intelligence field is to print and distribute mapping intelligence and survey information. This is done on a routine and continuous basis.

5. OPERATIONS:

a. The unit continued its work in support of IIFV and USARV Engineer, Chief M & I. In February, the Cartographic and Reproduction Platoons were required to react on a crash basis to the demands of the tactical situation. The primary requirement was the laying of large scale photo-mosaics of major cities and of base camps for defense purposes and the reproduction of quantities of these photomaps as well as other intelligence information as it was gathered and compiled.

b. After the initial phase of the TET offensive, work settled back to a more routine type requirement for the remainder of the reporting period.

c. The Survey Platoon continued Phase I of the Delta Traverse. This project has utilized high order topographic survey methods in III and IV Corps Tactical Zone for use in future mapping operations.

6. FORCE DEVELOPMENT: The 547th Engineer Platoon (Map Depot) was redesignated the 547th Engineer Detachment (Map Depot) during the month of February. This did not change the mission or the composition of the detachment.

7. INSPECTOR GENERAL: The unit underwent its Annual General Inspection and received an excellent rating in most areas and an overall satisfactory. There were no Inspector General complaints during the report period.

C. 500th Engineer Company (Panel Bridge)

1. GENERAL: As part of the 79th Engineer Group (Const), the 500th Engineer Company (Panel Bridge) remained stationed at Long Binh Post on Camp Frenzell-Jones extending along the east side of Route 1A, north of the intersection of route 15 and 1A. In the immediate vicinity of the company are two other units, the 199th Infantry Brigade and Co D, 31st Engineers of the 79th Group.

2. COMMAND: The unit remained under the command of 1LT Joseph F. Schultz.

3. PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE: During the quarterly reporting period, the 500th Engineer Company (PB) maintained high individual morale with few disciplinary problems. There were no court-martials and three punishments under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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4. INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: The 500th Engineer Company (PB) continues to receive distribution of intelligence documents from 79th Engineer Group (Const) HQ and higher echelons. Request for granting, validating and upgrading of security clearances are submitted as required.

5. PLANS, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING:

a. During the reporting period the 500th Engineer Company (PB) served in both its primary mission of providing panel bridge support as well as its secondary mission of providing dump truck support to the 79th Engineer Group (Const) and other units in the III Corps area. Panel bridge missions are shown in the inclosed after-action reports.

b. In addition to carrying on its primary mission, the 500th Engineer Company (PB) completed the hauling of 9,370 tons of rock. It also hauled small quantities of sand, top soil and cement in support of base camp construction projects.

c. Training: During the reporting period, required replacement training was given to all newly arrived personnel. Weekly training conducted by the company is held within the company area and attendance of personnel is mandatory.

6. FORCE DEVELOPMENT: NA

7. COMMAND MANAGEMENT: Tactical bridge construction advice and assistance was provided by the key members of the unit to the commanders and staffs of the various supported tactical units.

8. INSPECTOR GENERAL: During 12 March 1969, this unit received the annual Inspector Generals Inspection. There were no IG complaints by this unit. Morale and discipline were noteworthy with the exception of a very few minor irregularities and short comings. The unit possessed an overall rating of satisfactory.

SECTION II, LESSONS LEARNED, COMMANDER'S OBSERVATION, EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL:

1. Shortage of Qualified E-6's:

a. Observation: There exists a critical shortage of all MOS's in this Group in qualified NCO's in paygrade E-6.

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b. Evaluation: Throughout the Group there is a lack of trained and qualified E-6's. This is trying to be overcome by filling the open slots with good E-5's. However, the lack of experience seriously handicaps the individual and the quality of work does not always meet requirements.

c. Recommendation: A concentrated effort Army wide must be more actively initiated to retain experienced and qualified E-5's and 6's.

B. OPERATIONS:

1. Aircraft Support:

a. Observation: There exists a shortage of available aircraft for command and control. This command and control is absolutely essential to insure that command policy is being followed in maintenance, quality control and management.

b. Evaluation: This shortage of aircraft restricts Battalion Commanders and staff to such a limited number of visits to projects in isolated locations that quality control becomes extremely difficult. This shortage of aircraft often does not allow the Company Commander to visit projects for two or three weeks at a time. This handicap limits the Commander in all phases of management and supervision.

c. Recommendation: More aircraft or at least more flying time must be made available to allow adequate command supervision. A minimum of two dedicated helicopters is required.

2. AM RADIO USAGE:

a. Observation: FM radios do not always provide adequate and constant radio communications.

b. Evaluation: The 62nd Engineer Battalion has control of three separate Land Clearing Companies. Due to the type and urgency of combat operations unique to land clearing, it is imperative that information affecting them be disseminated with all possible speed. The FM radios previously used by these companies were found unsuitable. In many areas voice relays were necessary in order to send vital information back to headquarters.

c. Lesson Learned: The AN/GRC 106 (AM) radio was employed instead of the AN/VRC 46 (FM). Companies now have the capability of direct communications within their AOR.

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3. USE OF SIDE BOARDS ON DUMP TRUCKS:

a. Observation: The use of 8" side boards on 5 ton dump trucks causes maintenance problems.

b. Evaluation: The use of 8" side boards on 5 ton dump trucks increased the hauling capacity of the truck but it also decreased the overall performance of the vehicles. It was observed that the overload on the vehicles caused mechanical failure of the dump control box.

c. Lesson Learned: As a result, the side boards were removed from the trucks reducing the failure of the dump control box.

4. SURVEY:

a. Observation: Survey projects entail the constant requirement that field parties work in areas that are not accessible by wheeled vehicles. Field parties spend more time waiting for air lift to a new site than is spent making observations.

b. Evaluation: The Engineer Company (Topographic)(Corps) TO&E has provision, whereby, an aviation detachment may be assigned to the unit for support of survey operations.

c. Recommendation: That aviation support be made available on a continuing basis either as an organic part of the unit or as a support mission from available aviation units.

5. LAND CLEARING:

a. Observation: The D-7E Tractor with Rome plow attachment is too light for most jungle clearing operations in Vietnam.

b. Evaluation: It was noted that numerous trees throughout the land clearing cut area proved extremely difficult for the D-7E to cut down. The constant problem of overheating and the frequent display of a lack of power are strong indicators of trying to use a too small piece of equipment. The maintenance on the D-7E for breakage of cabs and other critical items as well as the high damage to transmissions and engines also indicate the possibility of the tractor being too small. This is very similar to the evaluation made by Mr. J. T. Soules of the Rome Plow Company in October 1967.

c. Recommendation: That several D-9's with Rome Plow kits be requested for test and 30 D-8's with Rome Plow kits be requested to replace 30 D-7E's

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6. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

a. Observation: Technical consultant team is required on a permanent basis for quarries.

b. Evaluation: There is a definite lack of trained military quarry personnel.

c. Recommendations: That qualified technical consultants be made available on a permanent basis for each operating quarry in the following fields:

- (1) Quarry maintenance
- (2) Quarry development
- (3) Asphalt production

7. QUALITY CONTROL:

a. Observation: There is a shortage of qualified military quality control lab technicians.

b. Evaluation: Sufficient trained military personnel to adequately operate a quality control laboratory are not available. A full time AE consultant in the fields of soils, concrete and asphalt could be fully utilized in training personnel as well as providing expert technical support.

c. Recommendation: That a full time AE consultant team be authorized a construction engineer group in the fields of:

- (1) Soils
- (2) Concrete
- (3) Asphalt

C. TRAINING:

1. Observation: Personnel are being assigned to highly technical positions without prior training.

2. Evaluation: The assignment of untrained personnel to the MOS areas of MOS 41k, 81C, 81D, 83D, 83E, and 83F without prior school training or civilian background reduces the capability of the unit to perform its mission. It is not feasible to require a combat support unit in a combat zone to train its personnel while attempting to perform its mission. Of the last 15 men assigned for duty in MOS 82D, two had prior training for the MOS.

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3. Recommendation: That a maximum effort be made to provide school trained personnel to these MOS vacancies.

D. INTELLIGENCE: None

E. LOGISTICS:

1. Storage of items with a short shelf life:

a. Observations: Items such as plastic scribe sheets, film and paper developers, photographic film and paper, and offset press plates have an extremely short shelf life in the climate conditions that exist in the RVN.

b. Evaluation: The items listed have not been properly stored upon arrival in RVN prior to issue to the using unit. Receipt of these items in a unusable condition has been the cause of delays in priority projects.

c. Recommendation: That these items be given more attention during shipment and storage to protect and preserve them. As a minimum, storage should be provided under cover, away from direct sun and other weather elements.

2. AIRMOBILE EQUIPMENT:

a. Observation: Replacement for combat losses of airmobile equipment are not being received and a system does not exist for requisitioning replacement items of equipment.

b. Evaluation: The airmobile packet was issued to an engineer combat battalion to provide the capability to support construction and maintenance of remote facilities such as Special Force Camps which are accessible only by air. The initial packet was issued incomplete. Attempts to requisition shortages were unsuccessful, since provisions were not made to stock airmobile equipment in supply depots. Consequently, combat losses have not been replaced. For the same reason, through constant use, much of the airmobile equipment presently on hand is rapidly approaching its maximum life usage. Without a system to replace this worn out equipment and combat losses, the airmobile capabilities will eventually be totally lost.


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c. Recommendation: It is recommended that provisions be made through logistical channels to immediately establish a central pool of airmobile equipment which could be used to furnish replacement equipment as required.



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DA, HEADQUARTERS, 20TH ENGINEER BRIGADE, APO 96491

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST,
APO 96375

1. Submitted in accordance with USARV Regulation 525-15, dated 13 April 1968.

2. Subject report for the 79th Engineer Group (Const) has been reviewed and is considered adequate with the following comments:

a. Reference Section I, paragraph 6b, page 4: Coordination with USASC Food Advisory personnel reveals that a full supply of condiments are available in-country for the Tay Ninh area. There is still a scarcity of some items however a "rush" order has been initiated to CONUS to make these items available.

b. Reference Section II, paragraph B 6 and 7, page 10: This headquarters strongly concurs. A shortage of trained military quarry personnel and quality control laboratory technicians currently exists. Qualified consultants would greatly improve both production and efficiency.

c. Reference Section II, paragraph E 2, page 11: Recommendation for a central pool of Airmobile Replacement Equipment is repeated from last quarter. This headquarters is cognizant of USARV efforts to procure replacement items and the 79th Engineer Group has been notified of this action.

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 8 JUL 1969

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GFCP-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 30 April 1969 from Headquarters, 79th Engineer Group.

2. Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning "Aircraft Support," section II, page 8, paragraph B(1); concur. The 79th Engineer Group is authorized four (4) LOH helicopters and one (1) UH-1D/H helicopter. The 20th Engineer Brigade (parent unit of the 79th Group) is authorized a total of fourteen (14) LOH and four (4) UH-1D/H helicopters. Presently, the 20th Brigade has assigned ten (10) LOH, four (4) UH-1D/H and five (5) U-6 aircraft. During the next thirty days, the 20th Engineer Brigade is programmed to receive two additional LOH helicopters. By the end of August, the 20th Brigade is programmed for its full complement of fourteen (14) LOH helicopters. With these aircraft assets and proper management, the 20th Engineer Brigade should have no problem satisfying aircraft requirements of assigned groups and battalions. Unit will be advised of above comment.

b. Reference item concerning "Survey," section II, page 9, paragraph B(4); concur. The 20th Engineer Brigade is scheduled to receive its full authorization of helicopters (14 LOH and 4 UH-1D/H) by 30 August 1969. In addition, the 20th Brigade has been issued five (5) U-6 airplanes. With these aircraft assets, the 20th Engineer Brigade should be able to provide adequate aircraft support for assigned groups and battalions, including the Topographic Engineer Company. Unit will be advised.

c. Reference item concerning "Land Clearing," section II, page 9, paragraph B5; concur. Four (4) D-9G Dozers, with Rome Flow kits, have been requested through the ENSURE program. Department of the Army has validated the request and USARV is waiting for availability data on the dozers. The dozers will be assigned to the 79th Group for evaluation. A request from the 20th Brigade for procurement of 39 D-8's with Rome Flow kits is currently under consideration by the Engineer. The 79th Group is cognizant of these actions.

d. Reference item concerning "Technical Assistance," section II, page 10, paragraph B6; nonconcur. The current procedure of assistance on an "as required" basis rather than permanent assignment of consultants to each quarry location is most economical. Unit will be advised.

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e. Reference item concerning "Quality Control," section II, page 10, paragraph B7; nonconcur. USAECV has initiated a training program for military quality control lab technicians. It is expected that this school will satisfy the needs of the Engineer Brigades. Additionally, USAECV is concluding a study to determine the proper number and recommended deployment of quality control personnel. Changes to TOL's, MTO's will be submitted, if required, after evaluation of the USAECV study. Unit will be advised.

f. Reference item concerning "Personnel are being assigned to highly technical positions without prior training," section II, page 10, paragraph 7c; nonconcur. Enlisted personnel are allocated to and assigned to major subordinate commands based on grade and MOS. Information concerning the source of an individual's qualification in MOS, whether by OJT, service school training or civilian acquired skill is not available to this headquarters at the time of assignment. Records, this headquarters, indicate the 20th Engineer Brigade is at or over authorized strength in MOS 81C, 82D, 83D, and 83F; understrength, but at the USAECV average, in MOS 81D and 83E, and authorized one, assigned zero in MOS 41K. Accordingly, the next available replacement PMOS 41K will be assigned to the 20th Engineer Brigade. Personnel management to include the distribution of replacements, their utilization and reclassification are functions of command.

g. Reference item concerning "Airmobile Equipment," section II, page 11, paragraph E(2); nonconcur. Replacements are not available for airmobile engineer equipment (AEE) as this equipment was originally purchased on a one-time buy and no procurement action was initiated for replacements until February 1969. DA is currently programming and initiating procurement action. The projected arrival data of equipment in RVN is November 1969. Requisitions for replacement items should be submitted for loss of AEE. These requisitions will be forwarded to CONUS for issue against the next procurement. All the AEE in RVN is assigned to units in support of assigned missions. There are three (3) equipment pools established in RVN under the operational control (OPCON) of I and II FFV Commanders. This pool equipment is available on loan upon the approval of the Field Force Commanders to support specific missions. No assets are available to establish a pool to issue replacements. The above information has been provided to the 79th Engineer Group (Construction).

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